

## **Per Capita Income**

**Indicator:** 1997 estimated per capita income by census tract. Per capita income is calculated by normalizing an area's income by its population. The resulting values may be used as a coarse comparison of the economic well-being of people living in different areas. Census tracts are small, relatively permanent geographic entities within counties. Generally, census tracts have between 2,500 and 8,000 residents and boundaries that follow visible features. This information is portrayed using colors to indicate standard deviations from the mean.

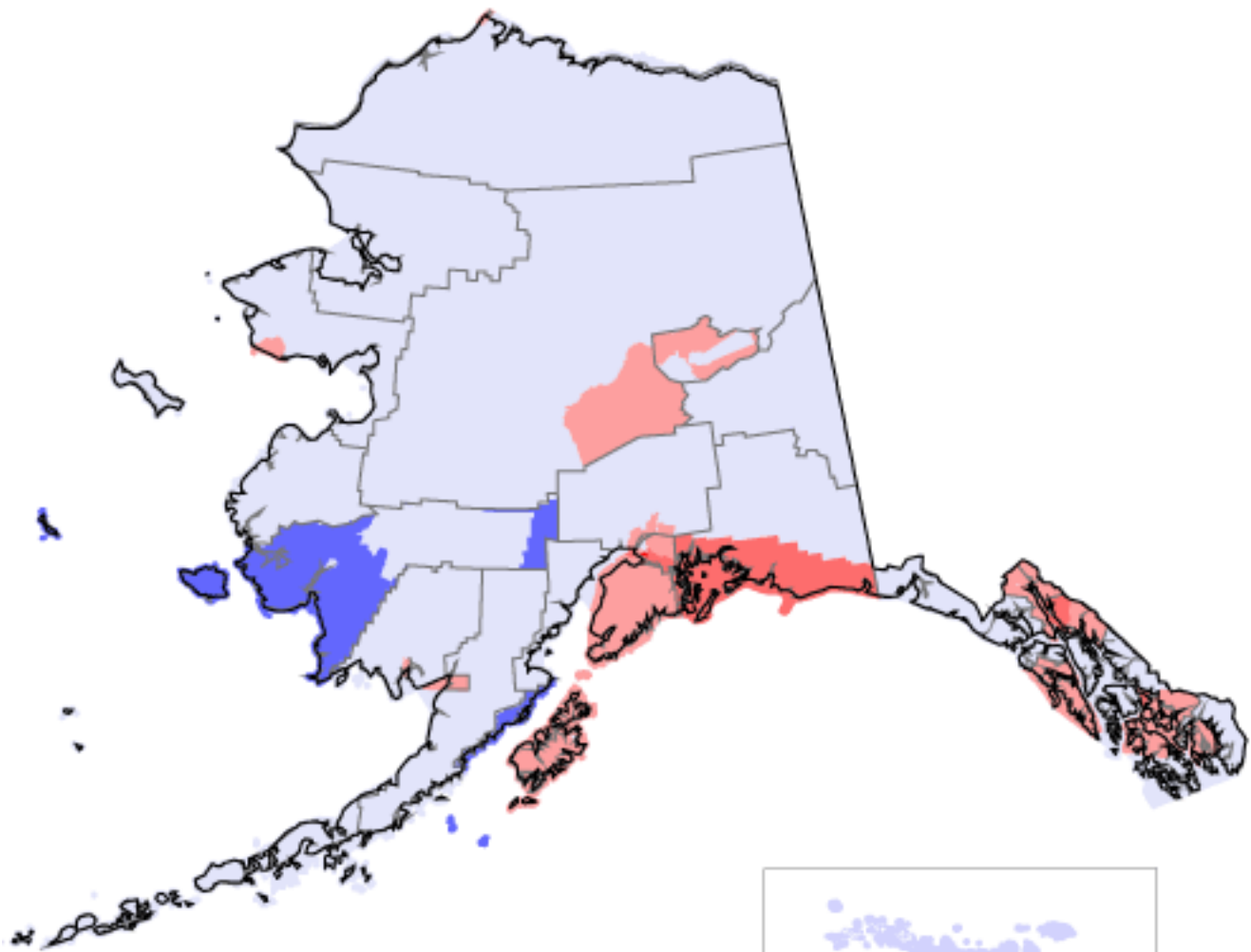
**Key Findings:** Per capita income compared with land status maps indicate where severe poverty or significant wealth and BLM lands coincide. BLM lands generally are not located in areas with either very high or very low per capita income. This generalization is not true in northwestern Arizona where high concentrations of BLM land and very low income do coincide. Under circumstances such as these, management of the land may require a heightened sensitivity to economic needs of the people and environmental justice. Conversely areas of high per capita income may require a considerably different focus and a different set of communication tools.

**Limitations:** These data are considered to be of very good quality and are easily obtainable. This information provides a general picture of an area's overall wealth. It is not sufficient information to fully depict an area's economic character or vitality.

**Source:** Census CD+Maps by Geolytics, available from: <http://www.geolytics.com>. Decennial Census, available in National Atlas of the United States at: <http://www.nationalatlas.gov/atlasftp.html> and in hard copy at local libraries; also found at the Government Sharing Project: <http://govinfo.kerr.orst.edu>, City and County Data Book, available for order at: <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html> or in the library reference section.

**Comments:** This statistic is based on the decennial census. During the later part of a decade, current estimates may be found at the sources above.

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By Census Tract, 1997



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